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those rules. A provision of Rs 38,570 for the Commissioner and his staff has been made under General Administration in the budget for 1112.

18. *Administration of Justice.*—A Statutes Revision Committee, composed of official and non-official members, was appointed early this year, for examining such of the legislative enactments now in force in the State, as have become out of date and require amendment or revision in the light of the changes that have been made in similar laws in British India. This committee will continue to function next year also and provision has been made for the purpose in the budget. The continuance of the existing temporary Second Judges' and Munsiffs' courts, as well as the temporary Sirkar Vakils has also been provided for.

19. *Education.*—The expenditure next year is estimated at Rs 48·74 lakhs. This is about 20 per cent of the total revenue of the State and exceeds the revised estimate for the current year by Rs 1·21 lakhs. The Presidency College, Madras, is now the only College affiliated to the University of Madras for the Honours Degree in Sanskrit. It is felt that unless provision is made in the local Arts College for the advanced teaching of Sanskrit, the State will have to depend on outside resources for staffing its educational institutions with Sanskrit teachers. In order to remove this difficulty and also to encourage the advanced study of Sanskrit in Travancore, the Post-graduate class in that subject was opened in the Arts College from the beginning of the current academic year and the Honours Class is proposed to be opened from the commencement of the next academic year. The provision required for the purpose has been included in the budget Another important and interesting feature of the next year's Education budget is the provision made for the opening of a few vocational Middle schools, as an experimental measure, the subjects proposed to be taught being, for the present, carpentry, smithery, rattan work, clay modelling, etc., and screwpine work. The aim is to give the pupils such practical training in the various subjects as will enable them with advantage to take to the respective vocations for their living; and it is hoped that these institutions will tend to bring about a useful and practical co-ordination between the Educational and Industrial activities of the State in this particular direction. The Summer school of Music opened at Trivandrum in Medam last as an experimental measure for instructing the existing as well as the prospective music teachers in the State in Swathi Thirunal's compositions is to be continued as a permanent feature of the Education department. As a preliminary to the opening of a Branch of the

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Indian Red Cross Society in Travancore, it is proposed to form Junior Red Cross groups in the schools of the State beginning with the English High Schools at Trivandrum.

20. *Agriculture and Fisheries.*—In view of the importance and usefulness of good species of cattle in the development of agriculture in the State, it is proposed to inaugurate an experimental scheme for the improvement of livestock by purchasing a few Scindhi bulls to be made available for breeding purposes. If the opportunity so offered is made good use of, it is proposed to extend the scope of the scheme in due course. Meanwhile, provision has been made in the next year's budget for a small beginning. The continuance of the temporary agricultural schools at Koni and Kottarakarai has also been included in the budget. To make these institutions really serviceable to the ryots, admission to the schools is proposed to be restricted to young men who are likely to take to agriculture as their occupation in life.

21. *Industries.*—The allotment for the next year is Rs 3·37 lakhs which is Rs ·95 of a lakh in excess of the current year's anticipated expenditure. The increase is due mainly to the additional provision made for the working expenses of the Rubber Factory. Provision has also been made for the continuance of the Sales depots at Trivandrum and Bombay.

22. *Co-operative Department.*—Besides a provision of Rs 10,000 for the amelioration of the depressed classes and Rs 5,000 for the education of depressed class pupils, the Co-operative budget provides also for placing the services of a Departmental Inspector, free of cost, at the disposal of the Travancore Co-operative Insurance Society Limited, to help the Society with advice in technical and other matters.

23. *Medical*—To meet the large demand for trained midwives, especially in connection with the promulgation of the scheme for child and maternity welfare, it is proposed to revive the old midwifery class that used to be held at the Victoria Hospital, Quilon. The training of 8 pupils has been provided for in the next year's budget. As the accommodation now available for in-patients in the Ayurveda Hospital at Trivandrum has been found to be insufficient to meet the actual requirements, provision has been made for a suitable increase in the number of beds. Proposals for the reorganisation of the Public Health Department were urged by the Director with a view to facilitate efficient registration of vital statistics, which plays an important role in the Public Health activities, and to obviate the frequent need for special temporary staffs for combating epidemics. But in view of the heavy cost involved in such a complete

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